

From the Editor

In this issue, *Military Review* looks at three areas of interest to military professionals: technology and decisionmaking, mentorship, and women in combat.

Simulation is an ever-growing dimension of training. Fighting computerized wargames to train division and corps staffs has been accepted as affordable alternatives to training in the dirt. Increasingly, however, simulation is being used to train tactical warfighting skills. In "Using Tactical Decision Exercises to Study Tactics," Frank Brewster II argues that tactical decision games based on historical examples are essential to developing and sharpening tactical warfighting skill. In "Clausewitz Meets Learning Agent Technology," Antonio Lopez, Jr., Jerome Comello, Michael Bowman, James Donlon, and Gheorghe Tecuci show how technology is being harnessed at the War College to enable commanders to identify centers of gravity. In "Historically Based Executioncentric Thinking," Brian Steed argues that history provides excellent scenarios for tactical games.

Mentorship continues to be an import topic to the U.S. Army. General Eric K. Shinseki, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, says that mentorship is essential to growing the next generation of Army officers. The authors in this section examine the role of mentors and the state of mentorship in the U.S. Army. Charles J. Dalcourt, Jr., considers his own personal experience with mentors in "Mentorship: Establishing a Legacy, Shaping the Future." In "Mentorship in the Military: Not Everybody Gets It," Joseph Kopser argues that mentorship is misunderstood.

Women soldiers have achieved what most would describe as equality with men soldiers; others, however, argue that because some branches, such as infantry, are closed to women, female soldiers have not reached full equality. Three articles consider the feasibility of women serving in the infantry. In "The Female Infantryman: A Possibility?" Nicholas Coppola, Kevin G. LaFrance, and Henry J. Carretta argue that women can compete. J. Michael Brower, in "A Case for Women Warfighters," argues that the time is coming when the Army will not have much choice but to put women into the infantry. In "Integrating Women into the Infantry," Adam Wojack proposes a plan by which the Army can integrate women into the infantry in a way that builds teamwork and unity while maintaining unit readiness.

In addition to these focused sections, *Military Review* also presents several other articles. In "Perpetual Transitions," Rick Brown evaluates the Army's current Transformation efforts. Chris Paparone examines trust relations in "The Nature of Soldierly Trust." In "Staffing the Postmodern Army," Gregory Washington argues for a change in personnel readiness that reflects postmodern influences in American society.

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